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FROM : Chief, Foreign Branch

Attn: Maxwell L. Waller

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational

SPECIFIC - Organization 13 - Case HANNES

REFERENCE: MLA-171, NASH 9326, KARL 5990

1. In order to assist you in your investigation of Organization 13's Case HANNES, the following traces are being submitted on individuals mentioned in MLA-171.

AUMER, Kurt

OML-229, 12/19/1944 - Evaluation B-2. One of the principal men among the SD during the critical times of 1940. He was an agent who always remained inconspicuous. Later active in the German Minority Group. Went to Berlin for some time.

LMX-4, 6/10/45. The KUMET Network had offered its services to the Allies. May be under enemy control. Subject was taken from an interrogation center to Steyring to assist in the network operation.

XL-Pall, 6/21/45, Subject: HOSTIL, Dr. Wilhelm; Source: HOSTIL, Dr. Wilhelm. (From February 1943 to end of War, assigned to SD, Art. VI E (South-East). Had direct charge of the Hofamt, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Albania, and Montenegro. Later gained considerable influence over operations of Kaiser's Romania, Bulgaria and Greece.) Near the end of 1944, HOSTIL attempted to consolidate and strengthen activities of VI E with the idea of putting his intelligence net at the disposal of agencies of the U. S. This involved elimination of those elements both in VI E and in the countries under VI E jurisdiction who could not be trusted fully to readjust themselves. AUMER, probably identical with Kurt AUMER, was one of those told by HOSTIL to clean up his sector. For AUMER, this did not pose much of a problem inasmuch as several attempts had been made by the Americans, and also the British, Military Mission in Bucharest to collect his agents for their own purposes. In March 1945 AUMER began to intimate to his agents that the inevitable military collapse of Germany would not necessarily involve a cessation of their work, and that a small circle of functionaries within Int. VI was contemplating continued intelligence activities possibly under the auspices of the American Office of War Information. This document is later identified in this document as AUMER, Kurt.

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Hauptvertrauensmann for Romania, who apparently was responsible to KWTTL. From 1939 until the Russian occupation, KWTTL organized and ran a net in Romania from his office in Bucharest. KWTTL considered the intelligence net operated by KWTTL in Romania as one of the best in terms of its production and potentialities. KWTTL's plan for the centralization of intelligence activities under his direction was aided by the fact that KWTTL had selected a group of agents who were tied together by strong bonds of friendship.

EX-52, 4/26/45. Subject: Information from KWTTL. KWTTL of Romania was in contact with Heisterle II and KWTTL. KWTTL limited his visits to a minimum because he had the impression KWTTL wanted to obtain as much information as possible on the operations of the Heisterle in order to take over its agents for himself. KWTTL described KWTTL as "an evil spirit of evil, brutal, selfish, ready for anything."

EX-8958, 9/14/45. Brief interrogation KWTTL. KWTTL, probably identical with Kurt KWTTL, described as liaison officer between KWTTL and the Iron Guard.

EX-001-712b, 9/13/45. Subject: KWTTL Net of Group VI of the KWTTL. Source: Dr. H. KWTTL. KWTTL successfully secured his own private intelligence net in Romania and succeeded in withholding the identity of some of his most important agents from the knowledge of KWTTL, Heisterle VI. He did so with a view to implement KWTTL's transfer plan which was to turn over his net to the KWTTL. KWTTL of KWTTL had no contact with KWTTL to keep the essential part of the Romanian net intact and separate from the KWTTL net.

EX-001-602, 2/15/46. Subject: Notes by Prince Nicolai KWTTL in visit to our Bern station as working for Americans in Salzburg along with Francois PLENEY, and Ernst SCHMIDT (probably id/w PLENEY and SCHMIDT in KGLA-171). These individuals are members of a group managed by Herbert MAIER and ELISCHKE who are engaged in collecting information on Romania. This information is received from Romania via courier and is written in secret inns provided by MAIER and ELISCHKE. The documents are sent to Munich for recovery and returned to Salzburg for translation. Local facilities are granted the group by Lt. WILBERG and Major De VILL of CIC, Salzburg. (The former Chief of CIC investigations in Salzburg, now with this organization, says that KWTTL an Army Capt. was formerly assistant to Captain KWTTL, American staff of KWTTL. KWTTL was discharged and became a civilian and public safety officer in Salzburg. Through his previous association with KWTTL he became general contact in Salzburg for KWTTL agents who got into trouble etc. KWTTL a KWTTL, German-born and former Major in KWTTL, Austria, was a KWTTL civilian employee who had unofficial contacts with KWTTL people in Salzburg. According to this same individual PLENEY is very probably an KWTTL agent and KWTTL probably an KWTTL agent.

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By request of the Committee, the following statement was
made by the witness, to whom the report of said aircraft was
transmitted, in the present handling of the group of the activities.
The Transylvanian seems to produce a sufficient intelligence from Romania
to this end, and it is not possible to obtain intelligence from the other countries
since the machine is entirely a military information. He seems more direct
toward the city, and a different view of the city. The group made a distinctly
and visible impression of this office and was given no encouragement. His
story was listened to with interest because of the alleged intelligence opera-
tions being run into Romania by Germany."

BUFILE 104, 4/12/48. Subject is former ex-convict who worked in Rumania from 1940 on. In June 1945, removed from interrogation center by Munich CI to assist in running American out into the Balkans.

Washington Contacts: While a person known as RUMEL has not been positively identified as RUMEL, it seems logical in the light of the above information to assume that he is. RUMEL is of additional interest to us in that he may well represent another WPC penetration of Organization 13. Such a possibility is indicated by the following information:

NY 65-227, 30 December 1947, Source, a JG informant, stated that a Dr. Walter FLEISCH had attempted to contact a Franz WILK, former member of NSDAP, VI E 7 in Bucharest. (Considerable information is available on WILK.) FLEISCH is reported to have belonged to the German Embassy and to have had close contacts with various Rumanian Ministries and the National Bank. According to WILK, FLEISCH belonged to the opposition during the time of HITLER and later joined the Communist Party. He is now said to be a courier between Bucharest and Vienna for the Rumanian Foreign Office. According to a reliable source of the Heidelberg station, a certain Dr. FLEISCH, Frau was arrested early in 1945 by the Russians while taking pictures of Russian units. This man explained that during the war he was a German agent, but now worked for the Americans using American Red Cross papers. It was not known what disposition the Russians made of FLEISCH.

NYA-442, dated 25 February 1948, contained further clarification of FLORESCU's position. The source for this information was G-Hatuf Ernst and NOT, once an associate of FLORESCU in 1944-47 and apparently the individual referred to in NYA-174, para 6. According to HANCOCK, Mr. Valter FLORESCU is an alias used by the real VILHELM V., also spelled FULSBER and FULBERG. FLORESCU was born in Buchs, Rumania. During the war he was employed by NYA-174 in Vienna. His immediate superior was SS Ustaf AUGER. Immediately after the cessation of hostilities, VILHELM fled to Rumania where he offered his services to the Communist Party. When his offer was accepted he was issued a Rumanian passport in the name of Valter FLORESCU, and was given a pass entitling him to travel throughout Rumania. He is said to have traveled, under the name FLORESCU, between Bucharest and Vienna as an agent for the Communist Party.

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